

While, all across our nation their mother's cry!
 For they have lost their greatest of all loves,
 Their most blessed of all sons for us who have so died . . .
 As some have lost their strong legs, arms and even eyes . . .
 While awake in the middle of the night, as PTSD rules their lives . . .
 Sleep well this night . . .
 Upon the Bed of Freedom that they so provide!
 And as you lay yourself so down to sleep . . .
 All because of our brave sons from Tennessee, ones like Jonathan . . .
 Who his fine promises did so keep!
 Whose fine blood has so run red,
 All for us so very deep!
 This Volunteer, from this great state . . .
 Jonathan whose courage so makes us weep!
 As even the angel's too so cry . . .
 All at selfless sacrifice,
 All for God and Country as he did not so ask why!
 As it was on that day, out on his patrol . . .
 When his fine life almost went away . . .
 When, an IED . . . went off putting him so close to the grave . . .
 With his leg lost and dying, as death just minutes away so lying . . .
 As when he so made a choice, listening to his most inner voice . . .
 As when Jonathan woke up on that next day . . .
 Telling him go forth marine,
 For you have mountains to so climb all out upon your way!
 As when his new battle would begin,
 As his fine heart would so command him to win!
 Command him, to a recovery . . .
 Step by step, day by day . . .
 As this United States Marine how so makes his way . . .
 As this Tennessee Titan,
 So teaches us all in his actions upon each new day . . .
 As he so beseeches, so deep down as he so reaches us . . .
 All in what his fine heart so to convey!
 As if I ever had a son, I wish he could have the heart half as this one . . .
 As I watch in awe, all in what I saw . . . as this marine gets up and so runs!
 For heaven so holds a place,
 All for such men or honor and of such grace . . .
 As Thy will be done . . .
 Sleep well this night,
 All in your hearts ever so hold these heroes and their families so tight . . .
 These fine women and men,
 Who but country tis of thee do so defend!
 United States Marines, like Jonathan who so gallantly fight that fight!
 That kind of man,
 That Andrew Jackson would love and so understand,
 And hold up to such great heights!
 So as you lay your heads down to rest,
 Remember all of these, our very best . . .
 and sleep well this night!
 All because of these . . .

HONORING LEE COLLEGE ON RECEIVING AN OFFICIAL TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Lee College on re-

ceiving an Official Texas Historical Marker. Lee College is known as one of the fastest growing community colleges in the Nation. It currently ranks 6th in the Nation for degrees awarded in science and technologies; and offers more than 130 degrees and certificates. I am proud to honor Lee College, located in Baytown, Texas, for receiving this marker.

On Friday, March 23, 2012, the Texas Historical Commission will dedicate the Historical Marker with the following text:

In 1934, during the Great Depression and after several years of planning, the residents of the Goose Creek Independent School District voted to establish Lee Junior College, stressing the importance of higher education opportunities for area residents. One hundred seventy-seven students registered during the fall 1934 semester, and paid less than \$15 per semester in fees. The junior college first shared facilities with Robert E. Lee high school, and classes met at night. In 1935 four women made up the first graduating class, and vocational education was inaugurated with a non-credit class in child psychology. The school's name was changed to Lee College in 1948, and a separate campus was first utilized in 1951. In 1965, the college separated from Goose Creek C.I.S.D. and obtained its own board of regents.

Lee College instituted a college level program in Huntsville at the Texas Department of Corrections in 1966, becoming a pioneer in prison education. The program was designed to reduce recidivism of inmates by offering them educational opportunities, and remains a vital part of the college's programming. The Lee College Honors Program was established in 1974 to serve gifted and highly motivated students by preparing them for success in education and employment opportunities. Classes in the program are taught in a seminar format, and several scholarships are awarded through the program based on academic excellence. Lee College continues today to offer academic as well as vocational-technical and continuing education classes to the residents of Baytown and the surrounding area.

I congratulate the past and present administration, faculty, staff, and students of Lee College for all of their hard work and dedication to education. And so it is with great pleasure that I recognize Lee College on receiving an Official Texas Historical Marker.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, on March 19, 2012, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall No. 111. Had I been present I would have voted: rollcall No. 111: "yes"—To allow otherwise eligible Israeli nationals to receive E-2 nonimmigrant visas if similarly situated United States nationals are eligible for similar nonimmigrant status in Israel.

RECOGNIZING MRS. MIRIAM V. HENSON ON THE OCCASION OF HER 105TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor a beloved leader in the Co-op City community, Mrs. Miriam V. Henson, on her 105th birthday.

Mrs. Henson, affectionately called Mother Henson by her neighbors, is an inspiration to me and to many of my constituents, so I'd like to take this opportunity to discuss her life and achievements.

Mrs. Henson was born in Bangbridge, GA in 1907, but her family shortly thereafter moved to Harlem, NY, where she graduated from Wadleigh High School.

She had one daughter, Virginia Henson, with her late husband, Mr. Wallace Henson. After her husband's passing in 1969, Mrs. Henson moved into Co-op City with Virginia and began working for Macy's Department store.

Mrs. Henson might now live alone, but she is never truly alone—since she is such an active member of her community.

From a young age, she has been involved with philanthropic efforts such as the Young Women's Christian Association, YWCA, and the moment she moved into Co-op City, she began to reach out to help her neighbors.

She is one of the founding members of the Community Protestant Church, and also served as a Board Trustee, President, and founding member of the Community Protestant Church's Willing Workers Organization.

The ambitious Mother Henson is also a founder of the Dreiser Loop Retirees and a member of the local AARP Chapter, serving each organization with love, compassion, and understanding. And to continue serving others, she represents the needs of seniors in our state capital in Albany.

A woman of many hobbies, Mrs. Henson is a real globe-trotter. She has visited countries throughout the world including Canada, Aruba, Switzerland, Australia, France, Germany and Brazil, just to name a few.

She especially loves cruises, and has been on many in her lifetime. Mrs. Henson recharges her batteries at home with card games, and bridge is among her favorites.

Throughout her 105 years, Mother Henson has survived the stock market crash, the Great Depression, two World Wars, and the World Trade Center attacks on September 11, 2001. Despite these tragic events, she still has a positive outlook on the world.

Mr. Speaker, I think we can all learn a lesson from her.

There's no doubt that Mrs. Henson has seen and done a lot in her lifetime, but she says the greatest thing she's done was having the opportunity to vote for our 44th President—something she did not think would ever happen in her lifetime. Not only did she experience it, but now she is looking forward to voting in the next presidential election.

Mrs. Henson, as one may imagine, is no ordinary woman. Her philosophy in life is to keep the "pep in her step" with "good living, good friends, trusting in God, and a little tonic twice a day." And clearly, it's working.